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I suppose that a newspaper ought to pay some attention to political questions. But hold that sentence is constructed wrong—wrongly—wrong. It is not logical to begin a leading article with the first person singular. It is a false start. So it will be stated: A newspaper ought to pay some attention to political questions, I suppose.

The printing press has become the most universal dispenser of news and opinions, and voters want to be informed in order that they may make up their minds as to whom to vote against. This was my excuse last week for breaking the news as gently as I could that Hiram Johnson, inspired by A. A. S. ranging for revenge, come hot from California, had in these confines with an anarch's voice, cried havoc and announced that he was a candidate for the Presidency. It was a rather long tiresome announcement and I did not read it as carefully as I should and I threw the paper away. I went to look for it and could not find it again. So I do not remember whether he said what political party he belonged to. At first I took it for granted that he sought the Republican nomination but I would like to make sure of that, for maybe he is after the Democratic nomination, on the ground that he twice elected Wilson, singlehanded and alone, and such good turns deserves some return. All I have got to say about that is that I sometimes feel that my beloved party may try me too high some day.

One good old Republican comes forth and says that Hiram Johnson was the cause of Roosevelt running in 1912, the one political mistake of that eminent man. It seems that Roosevelt had been hunting in Africa and lost touch with national affairs, and this critic accuses Hiram of poisoning Roosevelt's mind against Taft, and so caused the split in the party. And he further called attention to the fact that Hiram would not let California vote for Hughes in 1916, and so Wilson was given a second term. So he voices the inquiry of what party Hiram belongs to? It was then that I hunted for the announcement to see if Hiram had fastened his hooks on the Republican nomination, or was just running wild like Henry Ford.

It is not going to pour oil on the troubled waters to say much about that 1912 trouble, for there were several millions of Republicans who were out in 1912, and without exception, they are all proud of the independence that they showed at that time. Onward Christian soldiers! The opening words of the book of Caesar are to the effect that all Gaul was divided into three parts. It will be the work of some future historian to say of the United States that that country was divided into three parts at the opening of the campaign of 1924, and it is possible that there will be three candidates of strength in the next election.

Henry Watterson always referred to the Civil War as the war of the sections, and there is a sermon in those four words, showing the danger of the country dividing on geographical lines, for thus do great nations fall apart. Men of power and influence ought to bear that in mind. There is one way that a split may be avoided. Nominate a conservative man from the west, like Hoover, or a radical from the east like Pinchot from Pennsylvania. If they nominate a hell-raiser from the west, or a puritan from the hide-bound coast of New England, there is going to be trouble.

I am still guessing that President Coolidge is to be the nominee and I do not include him in the type of New Englander referred to above for he is by reason of his office not a sectional candidate. But I listened in the other direction on the grapevine and I found out that all is not gas and galathea in that direction. I thought at first they were talking about the winter weather but I found out later that they were saying that they considered Coolidge too cold. No public appeal. No enthusiasm. No cordiality. But I said unto them, that if the country ever needed a cool head it was now.

On our side of the fence, my first choice is John W. Davis. In times of trouble, one naturally turns to some strong man in whose judgment he has absolute trust. And if West Virginia is to have a President any way soon, Davis is the hope as well as the pride of the State. Next to him, I would vote for McAdoo, and next Underwood, though I do not like the ruthlessness of southern politicians. When they get into office they throw away the scabbard, and after every party contest there are any numbers of good citizens doomed for life to rest under the ban of party displeasure without hope of a kind word in this life, and to whom death is a happy political release. All cut up and no where to go. Never mind how I know this. It is true all right.

Once in a while, a southern tyrant overshoots the mark, as in the notable case of Walton, late governor of Oklahoma, who has been impeached and turned out to grass like one Nebuchadnezzar. But Oklahoma was a little too far north and so they rebuked Walton for his latitude. Every now and then a Democrat in the more temperate zones tries the iron heel of a southerner and finds that there is still a God in Israel.

A little reflection is all that is needed to convince you that the announcement through Mellon and the President, that federal taxes should be lowered was not a sudden thought but a slow and well worked out policy, and it has a direct bearing on the running sore of the soldier's bonus. It means that there will be no bonus for the soldier. Some like to call it adjusted compensation. I prefer the word bonus. It is a gift. There can be no such thing as compensation to a man who has taken a forward movement towards the battle front,

in a war with such things as poison gas used. Better call it what it is, a gift from a grateful nation to its young men who offered to lay down their lives for their country.

They are afraid that such a measure would depress liberty bonds. It might. But more often these things go by contraries and that is the life of trade. I am in favor of issuing legal tender paper money for a sum certain for soldiers to be divided among them as Congress may determine, either a uniform amount to each enlisted man, or according to the service that he saw and the time consumed. Personally I favor a flat payment of certain sum of each soldier, just as sixty dollars each was paid, when they were discharged. Or as the Bible states it, to each a penny. And that caused some murmuring by those who had borne the burden and heat of the day, but the lord of the vineyard rebuked them saying in effect that if they had got what they had contracted for, it was no concern of theirs that some other man had got more per hour.

The legal tender notes would not bear interest and there would be a great rush to get interest bearing securities for them and this ought to put up liberty bonds and not depress them, and it ought to make money easier for those who are in the bondage of the interest payer. Germany's paper money is an awful example to the world, but it may be that we have erred in the opposite direction and that a little loosening up is what is needed in this country. It would help the farmer and every other borrowing class. The shrewd business man who kept the home fires burning and turned his honest penny during the war, far from the sound of the guns, need have no alarm. With a large portion of the soldier class, the taking of his money away from him would be as easy as taking candy from a kid, and the munificence of the government would result in a blessing to him who gives and him who takes. The soldier of that type will have the pleasure of blowing in the bonus, making haste to spend it during his own lifetime, and the thrifty man, the gentleman who pays the taxes, will have a renewed interest in life as the money comes rolling in.

The history of the bonus movement has been shameful. The question was a live one from the very day this country entered the war, and while most of our older men would like to have forgotten it, but not being allowed to do so, we would now like to see it settled. Like a father who tells his eight year old boy that if he will not use tobacco, that on his twenty-first birthday he will be presented with a gold watch. The boy does not forget but the old man does, and it is a considerable jolt to be reminded of it. The old man wonders how in the sam hill he is going to buy a gold watch, when he cannot pay his grocery bill. And he keeps his promise or not according to the kind of man that he is. It is true that the government did not promise anything of the kind. But every man in the roaring forties, and up, told the boys that if we only won, that there was no limit to what this country could and would do for its heroes.

This deliberate movement for lower federal taxes is the first step towards defeating the bonus legislation that has been postponed to this the impending session of Congress following the last general election. It was smothered because of the last election, and now it comes up to plague and vex a lot of ambitious statesmen just prior to a greater general election. Uneasy lies.

The greatest bit of war writing was the very short poem entitled "In Flanders Fields." It was printed without a name in an obscure corner of an English magazine at the foot of a column, being used to fill in and adjust the form.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe: To you from falling hands we throw The Torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die We shall not sleep though poppies grow In Flanders fields.

The other day I happened to come across the periodical that first printed the above. It bore date, December 8, 1915. I had read it no doubt at the time it was printed but now was the first time that I had thought about it. The paper has been knocking about the house ever since. But in 1915, we were not in the war, it looked like we might not have to come in. In fact we would have stayed out like Spain and other countries but for the fact that the Kaiser and his demon advisers would not let us stay out, and so we caught up the torch in the days of our exaltation and carried it to a successful end. The fire is out and the ashes are dead.

"What for the living?" "Nothing," mutters an old man. And this a good old man who has accumulated a vast fortune and managed it wisely, for the good of the community, but who will soon leave it to those who have no genius for wealth and it will then rot and ferment and become a menace to the country.

And such a man says that we have nothing to give the living soldier.

The proudest thing that we are of is our high school. Marlinton has a high school that is equal to an old freshwater college of thirty years ago, and it would give the citizens of Pocahontas County great delight to be able to see the flower of the land in this institution. There are two other high schools in the county, and anything that is said about the local school is not to be construed as claiming it to be the best school, but this school is mentioned because it is the only one that I have inspected personally. Here there is a pleasing custom on

the part of the management to invite some of the weatherbeaten old chaps who can speak or who think they can to come in and address the school. And if a speaker cannot find an interested and intelligent audience in that student body, I would not know where to look for one.

At the chapel the other morning there were about a hundred and sixty persons composed of the faculty and the students, and the exercises lasted about an hour. I was at the University some thirty odd years ago, and in my day and time, the University could not have gotten in chapel as great a student body as was there that day, and it certainly could not have furnished one that listened better.

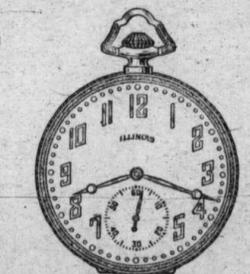
The Edray District High School sometimes called the Marlinton high school has a normal department for the training of teachers, and in view of the fact that I managed four schools while still in my teens, I was invited to take up a period of an hour, to give the students in training for the "profession glorious" the benefit of my experience, and the hour passed so quickly to me that I felt that I had been highly entertained. It is rather pitiful anyway how elderly persons hang around younger ones. And the young ones show great kindness and forbearance. About the time the hour was up, I had not touched on a great number of important matters in the government of schools, and I had had such a good visit that I cast around for an excuse to come back again like a poor boy courting a rich girl, and so I managed to get an invitation to come back in a couple weeks, and I left as the proposition to be considered by the class and to be debated at the adjourned session: Whether a student has a better chance of education in a one roomed school where all grades are taught, or in a graded school where he suffers from intensive methods?

I feel very strongly in favor of the one roomed school where nearly all of the greatest men and women have been started on the road to learning.

All the tendency nowadays is to consolidate and grade the children so that Johnny will be thoroughly versed in the First Reader and will not be able to pick any crumbs of wisdom that might fall from other tables. But I am sure that this keeps Johnny back, and that if he could get a first hand view of the work of advanced scholars—in the conference so to speak—that he might get an idea better than if he was pestered to death all day in an effort to force him to grow in wisdom and knowledge. Charles Dickens paid his respects to the forcing process in his review of the Blimber school, in which little Paul Dombey was forced along so fast that he was forced out of existence, and instead of coming back to school, he drifted out upon that dark and unknown sea that rolls round all the world.

Little pitchers have big ears, and being the product of a one room school myself, I have a vivid recollection of the fact that as a child I knew in a general way what the other students were doing. Long before I got into the dictionary class, I have watched as an innocent bystander some six foot boy being turned down by a slip of a girl for missing a word. This added to the hilarity of the day and educated and refined me.

I think the day will come when they will build one room schools as large as churches with a dominie's house close by, and no school will be maintained by the State unless it has an average attendance of at least one hundred. And then the teacher will superintend the education of the children, for after all, no one ever becomes educated except from within. Just now we are passing through an emphatic course of Blimber methods, and the cry of "Bring him on, Cornelia!" They do not give a child a chance to grow into knowledge and light.



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